It was presided over by the Governor-General and met at his call to advise him on matters of public policy.

The Council of State was created to provide unified and responsible leadership and to bring into accord the executive and legislative departments. Of doubtful legality under the American theory of government, especially when the enforcement of certain laws was made dependent on action by the Council of State, nevertheless the body proved invaluable in serving as a means to harmonize the divergent views of an American Chief Executive and a Filipino Legislature.

BELO BOYS [7]

To be called "boy" is hardly respectful when referring to one of the coterie of advisers of his Excellency, the Governor-General. Yet the American gentlemen who assisted the Chief Executive were colloquially and irreverently spoken of as "Belo boys." The first word was acquired from Senator Antonio Belo, who won undying fame by introducing the bill which provided funds for the payment of a secretarial and technical staflF for the Governor-General. The second word was coined by someone with a sense of sardonic humor, to typify the messenger-like services occasionally required of those in the inner circle about the Chief Executive.

From the earliest days the Governor-General needed trained help in administering the Philippines. For a number of years he could obtain this help from his American cabinet officers and special assistants. Governor-General Forbes' fond-

ness for polo and his importation of polo ponies and young Harvard graduates caused the public to speak of his closest confidants as the "Polo Cabinet." With the Filipinizing of the executive departments during the Harrison administration, it was thought imperative that there be suitable Ameri-

[7] See Hermann Hagedorn, *Leonard Wood, A Biography* (1931), Vol. II, P- 459-